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**From:** Maier, Brent  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 3:32:22 PM  
**Subject:** RE: (Letter Attached) Sen. John McCain, Sen. Jeff Flake, and Rep. Paul Gosar - Letter to RA Requesting Information Regarding Potential Federal Assistance with Removal and Replacement of Salt Cedar Along Gila River - R9-15-001-2382

Jared –

Thanks for your note. Let me go ahead and reach out to Sen. McCain's office to see if I can get some clarification on the 18-mile portion of the Gila River they are referencing in their letter. Thanks.

Brent Maier

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**From:** Vollmer, Jared  
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Hi Brent,

If you're swamped, I can contact the Senator's staff.

Jared

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Watersheds Office (WTR-2-2)

**From:** Maier, Brent  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** Vollmer, Jared  
**Subject:** RE: (Letter Attached) Sen. John McCain, Sen. Jeff Flake, and Rep. Paul Gosar - Letter to RA Requesting Information Regarding Potential Federal Assistance with Removal and Replacement of Salt Cedar Along Gila River - R9-15-001-2382

Jared –

I can put in a 7-day extension and will put in the request. I have been swamped with the Gold King Mine spill out of Colorado that is now impacting the Navajo Nation. I will try to reach out to get some clarity on the 18-mile stretch but may not get to it until tomorrow.

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Hi Brent,

In addition to my last message, I need to request an extension. I got back this morning from vacation and will need time to coordinate with our other offices.

Thanks,

Jared

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**From:** Montgomery, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:05 AM  
**To:** Woo, Nancy; Ziegler, Sam; Vollmer, Jared  
**Cc:** Gullatt, Kristin; Amato, Paul  
**Subject:** Fwd: (Letter Attached) Sen. John McCain, Sen. Jeff Flake, and Rep. Paul Gosar - Letter to RA Requesting Information Regarding Potential Federal Assistance with Removal and Replacement of Salt Cedar Along Gila River - R9-15-001-2382

Please take the lead on the response. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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My apologies for not including the incoming letter in my initial distribution. Here is the attached letter. Thanks to Paul Amato for alerting me to this oversight.

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To: Brush, Jason; Montgomery, Michael; Woo, Nancy; Kemmerer, John  
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Importance: High

All –

The attached letter from Sen. John McCain, Sen. Jeff Flake, and Rep. Paul Gosar dated July 21, 2015 and written to Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld is requesting information regarding potential federal assistance with removal and replacement of salt cedar with native vegetation along an 18-mile stretch of the Gila River in southwestern Maricopa County. The Members have included in their letter four (4) questions that they would like EPA responses to. I have entered this into our Congressional Correspondence Management System (CMS) as a Regional Control (#R9-15-001-2382). If you believe that this incoming letter needs to be shared with other Program Offices, please let me know. I have created a Congressional yellow folder and will drop off at the desk of Jason Brush, Manager of our Wetlands Office. I have also attached the control information for this new incoming letter.

Due Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015  
Signature Level: Regional Administrator

Please share an electronic draft response before finalizing for comments and suggested revisions along with ensuring formatting requirements. Thanks.

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